

SUSTAINABLE PERIOPERATIVE CARE SCORECARD

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Sustainable Perioperative Care Scorecard?

The Scorecard is an assessment tool, designed to help perioperative care teams to understand and visualize their progress towards environmental sustainability. It offers an important starting point to identify and capitalize on change opportunities to improve perioperative care.

2. How do I use the Sustainable Perioperative Care Scorecard?

The Scorecard can be downloaded and completed in its PDF form or printed for those who prefer a hard copy. It is divided into five metrics on which your hospital can be assessed: sustainability leadership, low-value care, anesthetic gases, reusables, and waste. Check off the status of your site for each sustainability opportunity to establish a baseline and track progress on sustainability goals.

3. Who completes the Sustainable Perioperative Care Scorecard? And how long will it take?

You do! Anyone—individuals or teams—with knowledge of their hospital site's operations, or access to others with this knowledge, can complete the Scorecard. It typically takes less than an hour to complete the scorecard, depending on how familiar you are with the sustainability efforts at your site.

4. With whom should I speak to complete each section?

You may not immediately know your hospital's status with respect to every item on the scorecard. Most answers can be found in your Operations Department (or equivalent), heads of your Surgery and Anesthesia Departments, or by speaking with an experienced sustainability champion at your center.

5. What does the stop-light colour-coding mean?

The Scorecard has three colors to reflect the status of a sites sustainability goals. These are meant to inspire change by identifying areas where there is more work to be done. Green is checked when the goals circled in green have been achieved. Yellow is checked when the goals circled in yellow have been achieved. Red is checked when the goals have not, or have only partially, been achieved.

6. What does the stamp for a potential quick win mean?

Your Scorecard results will highlight areas where your site can improve, including "Potential Quick Wins" denoted by a lightning bolt next to some Scorecard items. These are areas where you can significantly advance the sustainability of your center with very little investment of time or resources.

7. Where can I find more resources?

The Scorecard has hyperlinked resources for each sustainability opportunity and goals, as well as [Project Charters linked on the CASCADES website](#). These can guide you through making a positive change in your practice setting. You can also refer to the Sustainable Perioperative Care playbook for background information and implementation resources.

8. I have completed the Scorecard. Now what?

The Scorecard is a springboard for action. We encourage you to share your site's areas of focus to contribute to a growing [Dashboard](#) which showcases the sustainability progress made across Canadian operating rooms. You can approach your hospital's leadership to share the results of your scorecard (and the areas where you have identified opportunities for improvement), and you can make a note-to-self to complete it again in one year's time to see how your site is becoming more sustainable over time.

You can also join the [Community of Practice](#) to share your experiences and to seek guidance on how to maximize the impact of your sustainability efforts.